

DEATH OF JOHN ASHLEY.

He Sunk the First Artesian Well in the Islands.

John Ashley, father of W. G. Ashley, of this city, whose death occurred at San Jose, Cal., on January 9th, was one of the energetic pioneers of California, a man of sterling qualities, and esteemed by all who knew him.

Mr. Ashley was a native of Toronto, Canada, and was born October 31, 1816, making him over 78 years of age at the time of his demise. In 1851, accompanied by his wife, Mr. Ashley came to California as a messenger for Wells, Fargo & Co.'s express, he having been the intimate friend of William Fargo, one of the founders of the company.

In 1853, Mr. Ashley removed to San Jose, associated himself with William Hall and George Wheeler, and ran freight and passenger boats between Alviso and San Francisco and stage lines between Alviso and San Jose and Santa Cruz and San Jose. The steamers were kept running until the completion of the railroad, but the Santa Cruz stage line was continued for several years, and until the railroad was built to that place. During this time Mr. Ashley was also interested in the livery business in Santa Cruz, being a partner of Charley Martin, an old pioneer, still living in that city.

Later Mr. Ashley engaged in the business of well-boring, and in 1878, under contract, came to the Hawaiian Islands to bore for artesian water. He was successful, being the first man to discover the veins of artesian supply that have been of immense benefit to the planters. The first well sunk in the islands was at a place now a portion of Ewa Plantation, and known as the Pioneer well. He remained on the islands for five years, and, in 1883, returned to San Jose, where he permanently resided. For some years Mr. Ashley has not enjoyed good health and his death was not entirely unexpected. The deceased was possessed of considerable property. He was well known in Honolulu, and, during his residence in the country, enjoyed the confidence of a large circle of friends, all of whom will regret his death.

George Ashley, the present Registrar, is the only child of Mr. and Mrs. Ashley. He has the heartfelt sympathy of the entire community over the death of his aged and respected parent.

SWINGING INTO LINE.

Fifteen More People Take the Oath of Fealty.

The following is a list of persons who have taken the oath of allegiance to the Government within a day or so:

Ben Castino, half-Spanish.
Benjamin J. Kane, Hawaiian.
Chas. Kaanoi, Hawaiian.
E. C. Legros, Hawaiian.
John D. Holt, Hawaiian.
Wm. Henry Crawford, Hawaiian.
Baldwin Mehner, German.
Robert Kamaka, Hawaiian.
John Rahe, German.
J. A. Scott, American.
George McGregor, Hawaiian-born British.
W. J. Scully, American.
R. W. Atkinson, Hawaiian-born British.

Tenders for Club House.

Proposals are called for by Messrs. Ripley & Reynolds, the architects, for the completion of a club house for the Healan Yacht and Boat Club. Plans and specifications can be had at the office of the architects, Fort street. The tenders will close on February 2d next at 10 o'clock, and call for all labor, material and full completion of the club house.

Return of the Tug.

The tug Eleu returned about 6 o'clock last night, after making a circuit of the island. The vessel stood five miles off shore all around the island. No suspicious craft was seen. The weather was bright and calm, and the party say they had a pleasant trip.

A Little Republic.

The smallest Republic in the world is Franceville, one of the small islands of New Hebrides. Its population is 542. Independence was declared August 9, 1889. M. Chevillard was elected its first President.

The Two Extremes.

For President in 1896, the best Republican in Maine; for Vice-President, the best Republican in California. Is there anything in this ticket to offend the geographical requirements of the most fastidious?—St. Louis Globe.

A NEW STATUE OF CALHOUN.

It Will Replace the Present Inartistic One That Stands in Charleston.

The women of South Carolina composing the Calhoun association are dissatisfied with the statue of John C. Calhoun now standing in Charleston, and a new one will soon be erected in its stead. The present statue to the great southern statesman was unveiled with great pomp April 26, 1887, and Judge L. Q. C. Lamar was orator of the day.

The history of the monument fund is an interesting one. Calhoun died in 1850, and the women raised \$75,000 for the purpose of erecting a monument. When the war began, Mrs. Snowden, who had charge of the money, and who is still living in Charleston, invested the fund in United States bonds for its greater safety, and at the approach of the Federal troops she fled from the city, with the bonds securely sewed in her clothing.

After the war Albert E. Hanrigh designed the statue in Rome, where it was also cast. Its cost was about \$44,000, but it seemed so inartistic to the majority of South Carolina people that some fertile brain conceived the idea of erecting another with the substantial sum still remaining to the credit of the Calhoun association. The new statue is being designed by J. Massey Rhind, sculptor of the proposed monument to John C. Fremont. It will be his aim to produce a statue that will accurately represent Calhoun as he appeared when in the height of his fame as a United States senator and when his debates with Daniel Webster thrilled the entire country. It is believed that the dedication will occur late in the fall of 1895.

South Carolina promises to fairly eclipse her previous effort when the new statue is presented to the public. The old statue will be demolished, but the pedestal will be utilized. From the pedestal will rise a column 64½ feet in height, at the top of which, some 90 feet above the street, will be placed the new statue. On either side of the pedestal will be two bronze palmetto trees.

A FAIR PITTSBURG ARCHITECT.

Miss Elise Mercur, Who Designed the Woman's Building for Atlanta's Exposition.

That the woman architect is abroad in the land was recently demonstrated when 13 women submitted plans of a high order of merit for the Woman's building at the Cotton States and Inter-



MISS ELISE MERCUR.

national exposition, which is to be held in Atlanta. These plans were carefully examined by the board of women managers of the exposition, and the design submitted by Miss Elise Mercur of Pittsburgh proved the most acceptable. The choice was the unanimous verdict of the board, and that the competition was decided strictly upon its merits is shown by the fact that Miss Mercur was not personally known to a single resident of Atlanta, while three Atlanta women architects were represented by plans.

Miss Mercur's design was not only beautiful as to exterior, but the interior arrangements were practical and economized all of the available space with more success than any other plan submitted. From the cellar to the dome everything was arranged in a masterful manner, and each woman member of the board found every need supplied. There was space for every proposed exhibit by the women of the country. The architect who conferred with the committee in regard to their choice of plans said he had no idea that women could do such artistic and practical designing and drawing.

"These buildings," he said admiringly, "are bold enough to have been drawn by men." It is thus plainly demonstrated that the coming woman has got here, in architecture at least.

The women who submitted designs with a view to capturing the substantial prize offered for the best plan were Miss Elise Mercur of Pittsburgh, Miss Tillie Eichberg, Miss Emma M. Cooksey and Miss Henrietta Cuttineau Dzier of Atlanta, Miss Elizabeth Heinen of Knoxville, Miss Janet M. Sheldon and Miss Edna M. Porter of Buffalo, Miss Lucy Cavanaugh of Louisville, Miss Elizabeth Holman of Philadelphia, Miss Sarah White of Tallulah, Ga., Mrs. E. O. Blair of Little Rock and Miss G. G. Smith of Hastings, Ga. The fair competitors who missed the prize may find a grain of comfort in the statement of a prominent Atlanta architect that the plans submitted equalled in quality those presented by male architects for the general exposition buildings.

She Was Fond of Sermons.

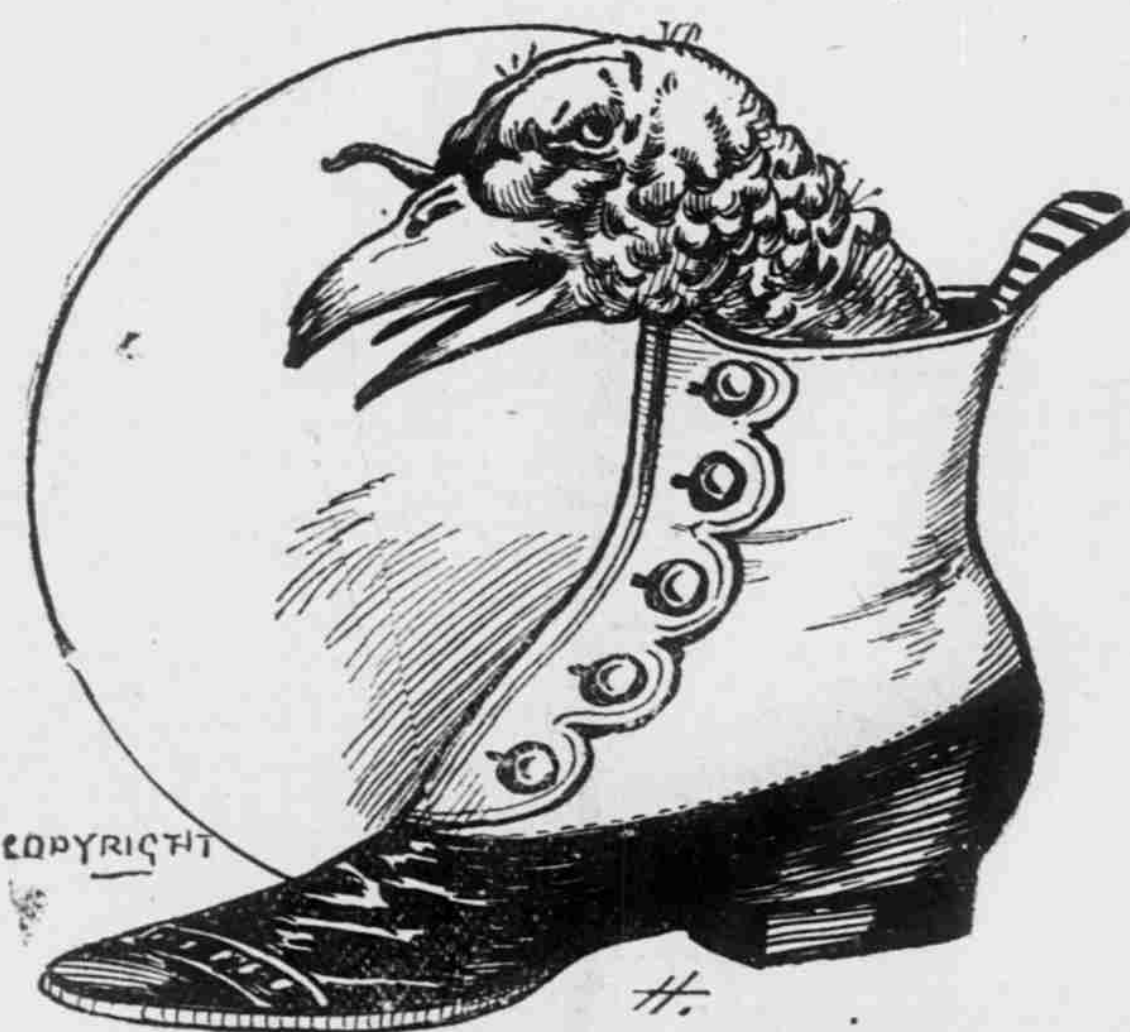
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